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Representative Thomas Stevens, Chair
House General and Housing Committee

Dear Representative Stevens:

I am writing to ask that you please pass H.184. I have been able to provide low income housing to two tenants since my parents deeded their property to my sister and I. Today, I am the sole proprietor.

Over the years, being able to do the maintenance myself in an affordable way I have been able to keep rent down below the local average. With the change in this bill, I will no longer be able to do that. It has put me in a position that as repairs need to be done, I will have to pass the cost on to the tenants. One of my tenants qualified for VERAP for over a year. This will be a hardship for her. My other tenant is living paycheck to paycheck due to the increased cost of daily living. This tenant supplements his rent by doing yard care.

I recognize health and safety is important. In today's economy challenges, health and safety in regard to housing and not being homeless is paramount.

Sincerely,



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